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QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, TH

SUBJ: THAI INVESTIGATION OF MURDER OF SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY  
GENERAL

REF: BANGKOK 4638

1. SUTHIPUVANPUN, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER,  
TOLD THE EMBASSY MARCH 5 THAT TAHI POLICE ARE SEEKING INFOR-  
MATION ABOUT AMERICAN KATHERINE BOWIE AS PART OF THE INQUIRY  
INTO THE MURDER OF DR. BUNSANONG, BUNYOTHAYAN, SECRETARY GEN-  
ERAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THAILAND.

2. SUTHI DESCRIBED BOWIE AS A FREE-LANCE WRITER WHO "WAS  
KNOWN TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH DR. BUNSANONG.  
HE SAID POLICE HAD LEARNED BOWIE INTRODUCED DR. BUNSANONG TO THE  
SECOND SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, WHOSE DINNER  
PARTY HE LEFT SHORTLY BEFORE HE WAS SLAIN FEB 28. SUTHI  
REMARKED THAT THAI IMMIGRATION DETERMINED BOWIE LEFT THIS  
COUNTRY MARCH 4 FOR SINGAPORE.

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3. HE INQUIRED WHAT, IF ANYTHING, WE KNEW OF BOWIE. EMBASSY

PRESS ATTACHE RESPONDED THAT HE HAD MET AND TALKED WITH HER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO WHEN SHE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THE EMBASSY FOR AN ARTICLE SHE WAS WRITING ON THAI-U.S. RELATIONS. THOUGH THE PAD HAD SEEN SINCE THAT TIME ARTICLES BOWIE WROTE FOR A LOCAL NEWSPAPER, HE HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH HER, KNEW LITTLE OF HER PROFESSIONALLY AND NOTHING ABOUT HER PERSONALLY.

4. SUTHI STRESSED THAT THAI POLICE ARE NOT SUGGESTING BOWIE WAS IMPLICATED IN DR. BOONSANONG'S DEATH. RATHER, HE SAID, THEY ARE SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT BOWIE AS PART OF THE POLICE INQUIRY INTO DR. BOONSANONG'S PERSONAL LIFE. WHITEHOUSE UNQTE KISSINGER

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